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- 1. AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF RELATIVE SCARCITY, LOCAL FUEL SITUATION SEEMS TO HAVE STABILIZED AT A REDUCED, AUSTERE LEVEL. NORMAL SCHEDULE OF THREE ASMARA-MASSAWA-ASMARA CONVOYS TOOK PLACE WEEK OF JANUARY 17-22, AND FIRST CONVOY OF CURRENT WEEK MADE ROUND-TRIP JAN. 24-25.
- 2. SUPPLIES OF FUEL FOR INDUSTRIAL USE APPEAR ADEQUATE FOR CURRENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEVEL OF CONSUMPTION.

3. SALE OF MOGAS IS STILL HELD TO MINIMUM RATION OF 10 LITERS PER WEEK PER PRIVATE VEHICLE, 15 LITERS PER WEEK FOR COMPANY VEHICLE, (E.G. CONGEN VEHICLES) AND 25 LITERS PER WEEK FOR COMPANY OFFICIALS, DOWN FROM 15, 25, AND 35 LITERS RESPECTIVELY.

4. KEROSENE, USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR COOKING, REMAINS IN SCARCE SUPPLY AND IS RATIONED AT THREE LITERS PER FAMILY PER WEEK.
COUPONS ARE ISSUED BY PRECINCT COMMITTEES. REPORTS FROM MASSAWA, SOURCE OF ASMARA SUPPLY, INDICATE POSSIBLE KEROSENE SHORTAGE THERE ALSO AND RATIONING LIKEWISE INSTITUTED. CONVOY TRUCK DRIVERS UNABLE ANYMORE TO REPLENISH PERSONAL SUPPLY IN MASSAWA AS HAD BEEN PRACTICE IN RECENT PAST. BOTTLED GAS, CHARCOAL, AND WOOD FOR COOKING ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE IN ASMARA, OR ONLY AT PRICES FAR OUT OF RANGE OF MOST FAMILIES. NO RELIEF IN THIS TIGHT FUEL SITUATION IS IMMINENT. SLUTZ

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